

Licences for Establishing Mini-Cement Plants in Gulbarga District.

570. SRI PRABHAKAR TELKAR (Chitapur).— Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state.—

(a) the number of licences issued by the Government for establishing Mini-Cement Plants in Gulbarga District (particulars each of such Mini-Plants be furnished);

(b) the facilities the Government is providing for establishing such mini-cement plants;

(c) the stages at which the above said mini-cement plants are functioning;

(d) the time required for completion of Mini-cements plants and to start production ?

SRI R. GUNDU RAO (Chief Minister).—

(a) Industrial Licences are required for Cement Plants, the capital investment of which will be more than Rs. 3 crores. As far as Gulbarga district is concerned, only one mini cement plant *viz.*, M/s. Karnataka Cements Ltd., have obtained a letter of Intent from the Government of India for setting up of a cement plant with a capacity of 200 tonnes per day.

(b) The Government of India in the Ministry of Industry have announced the following incentives for establishment of mini-cement plants :—

(1) Mini Cement Plants will be allowed a rebate in the payment of excise duty upto 50% for a period of five years.

(2) The ex-works price of cement produced by the mini-cement plants would be the same as the price admissible to new large sized plants *viz.*, Rs. 296 per tonne. This price will be assured for a period of five years from the date of going into commercial production.

(3) While Mini-Cement Plants will be subject to price control under the cement control order and shall not sell cement at a price higher than the controlled price, they will be exempt from distribution control under the Cement Control Order 1967. The mini-cement plants will not be required to adjust the freight element with the Cement Regulation Account. The other elements in the F. O. R. destination price of cement will, however, be subject to adjustment with the Cement Regulation Account as per the existing provisions.

(4) Mini cement plants set up in hilly and remote areas will be eligible for additional excise duty relief and/or cash subsidy on merit.

(5) Mini cement plants will be also eligible for all other existing incentive and facilities available under the Income Tax Act and/or under other schemes offered by the State Governments.

As far as the State Government is concerned, all the incentives and concessions applicable to new industrial undertakings will be available to the mini-cement plants also.

(c) M/s. Karnataka Cements have completed formalities like acquisition of lands, obtaining a Mining Lease for Lime Stone etc., and have submitted their loan application with Industrial Finance Corporation of India Limited. They are awaiting the decision of the financial institutions for the grant of the loan.

(d) About 24 months.

Sericulture in Krishnarajapur Taluk

914. SRI H. VISWANATH (Krishnarajanagar).—Will the Minister of State for Sericulture and Youth Services be pleased to state.—

(a) the extent of land in which Sericulture Crop has been developed in Krishnarajanagar Taluk;

(b) whether Government intend to open a Government Sericulture Farm in this Taluk for the benefit of Sericulturists and Development of Sericulture;

(c) if so, the step that would be taken by the Government to open a Sericulture Farm early;

(d) whether Government intend to extend the World Bank assistance scheme to this Taluk also ?

SMT. RENUKA RAJENDRAN (Minister of State for Sericulture and Youth Services).—

(a) In 183 acres.

(b) No

(c) This question does not arise.

(d) Yes.